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This newsletter is a quarterly publication to the citizens of Culpeper County by the Board of Supervisors. It is designed to present and provide information about issues affecting those who live in Culpeper. Over 19,000 copies are distributed, one to each mail address in Town, County, and to each U.S.P.S. Box within the Town and County of Culpeper.

The newsletter is also available online www.culpepercounty.gov
Comments and suggestions may be emailed to: dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov

A Message from the Board of Supervisors

Dear Citizens:

Best wishes to all of you. As the time is now upon us, let me also wish you all a happy holiday season. Election Day '06 has now passed, and while there were few local issues on the ballot, I will note that the food and beverage tax was again defeated. As I did last year, I would like to briefly explain the reasoning for that proposition. Culpeper County is growing, and sources of revenue other than real estate tax are needed. A meals and lodging tax, which as proposed would apply only outside of the Town limits (the Town already has such a tax in place), would provide some potential relief to rising real estate taxes and would generate revenue from visitors to the area. In many respects, it would be a "user tax". The citizens have spoken, and we respect the voters' choice. However, with new restaurants and new hotels under construction and on the drawing board, this is an issue that most likely will continue to be considered in the future.

While I am on the issue of taxes, I would like to report on Voluntary Contributions. Your County tax bills include an option to voluntarily contribute money to one or more specific community needs. In fiscal year 2006, the following Voluntary Contributions were received:

Library	\$1,964.02
Community Complex	942.39
Schools Athletic Programs	205.00
DHS Children's Programs	1,391.04
Schools Capital Improvement Programs	1,123.34
Humane Society of Culpeper	<u>2,648.22</u>
Total	\$8,274.71

This amount is down from last year, but still it is a worthwhile effort. If you have an interest in, or benefit from some of these programs, please consider contributing this year.

Again, we wish you a safe and happy holiday. Please remember our troops, especially those who may be in harm's way, and their families during this holiday season.

For the Board,

Steven E. Nixon, Vice Chair
West Fairfax

Larry W. Aylor
Cedar Mountain

William C. Chase, Jr.
Stevensburg

John F. Coates, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
Salem District

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Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are held the first Tuesday of each month: at 10 a.m. for general County business and at 7 p.m. for a public forum, planning business and public hearings. Agendas are available prior to the meetings at the Library and on the County website at www.culpepercounty.gov and minutes are available following the meetings. Video coverage is provided by Channel 21.

Facts about Your County

Area: 381 square miles
Population: estimated 45,372
Real Estate Tax: \$.89 per \$100 assessed value
(Town residents pay an additional \$.08 per \$100 assessed value)
Personal Property Tax: \$3.50 per \$100 assessed value
County maps: www.culpepercounty.gov GIS online

Facts about our Schools

Current school enrollment: 7,268
(7,355 including pre-school)
High School One
Middle Schools Two
Elementary Schools Five

Real Estate Assessment—Frequently Asked Questions

The Commissioner of the Revenue's Division of Real Estate Assessments has composed a list of some of the most frequently asked questions concerning estimates of value and taxes.

WHAT IS REAL PROPERTY ?

Real property, or real estate, is the land along with all improvements. For real estate assessment purposes, improvements are appurtenances to the land such as a home, garage, in-ground pool, out building, apartment, commercial building, industrial building, church, school, etc.

WHAT IS A REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ?

An assessment is an estimate of value on a given date. The valuation of real property is based upon a thorough analysis of the real estate market.

WHY IS REAL PROPERTY ASSESSED ?

The Code of Virginia mandates that all localities conduct a general reassessment establishing an estimate of value of real property for tax purposes. Depending upon population and local ordinances, general reassessments may be performed at intervals of one (1) to six (6) years. Previously, the General Reassessment for property in Culpeper County was performed at five (5) year intervals. The last general reassessment became effective January 1, 2003. The upcoming reassessment will become effective January 1, 2007 and will be the first time Culpeper has reassessed using a four (4) year period.

WHO IS TAXED FOR REAL PROPERTY ?

The owner of vacant or improved land is responsible for real estate taxes that apply to that particular parcel.

There are properties that are tax-exempt such as churches, public schools, government buildings, etc. These properties are assessed at market value but not taxed.

There is also a tax relief program. It is designed to provide some relief from a portion of the taxes for the elderly and disabled citizens of Culpeper who apply and meet the established requirements.

Culpeper County has a Land Use program as well. This program is designed to preserve agricultural land and encourages its proper use. The program reduces the taxable assessment of the qualified land to allow a tax break for the approved applicant.

More information can be obtained concerning these programs by contacting the Land Use and Tax Relief Administrator in the Division of Real Estate Assessments of the Commissioner of the Revenue's office. The phone number is (540)727-3411.

WHO PERFORMS THE REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ?

Previously Culpeper County property assessments were conducted by independent assessment contractors, hired by the County Board of Supervisors. In 2005 the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution authorizing the Culpeper County Commissioner of the Revenue to create the Division of Real Estate Assessment.

The Division of Real Estate Assessment consists of a senior appraiser, an appraiser, an appraiser technician, 3 full time employees and 4 part-time employees. This division is performing all the duties involved in reassessment and record maintenance for approximately 21,000 parcels of property.

A major advantage of assessments being conducted locally is having an experienced staff available that is knowledgeable about property values in this locality and readily available to Culpeper County property owners.

HOW IS PROPERTY ASSESSED ?

The Code of Virginia requires that, as of the effective date, the reassessments reflect 100% of fair market value and that the assessments be equalized. In order to make these determinations, a thorough study is conducted of the properties and the market conditions. Each property is

visited to confirm existing information, collect new information, measure structures, sketch buildings and photograph improvements. A study of the most recent sales is made. This market analysis helps establish assessment values.

WHEN AND HOW IS THE PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFIED ?

Toward the end of February, the notices of reassessment are mailed out to each property owner. This notice will identify the property, state the previous (2003) assessment and give the current (2007) assessment.

WHAT IF THE PROPERTY OWNER DISAGREES WITH THE ASSESSMENT ?

A member of the assessment staff is always available to discuss any concerns regarding real property. However, there will be a specific timeframe set aside to address questions and concerns regarding the general reassessment. By Code, the prescribed timeframe for these informal hearings with staff is to be no less than fourteen (14) days from the date of the notices.

WHAT IS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ?

Upon the completion of the general reassessment the Circuit Court Judge, based on the Board of Supervisors' nominations, appoints several County property owners to serve as members of the Board of Equalization. Aggrieved property owners may apply to the BOE by the specified deadline. The BOE holds public hearings to allow property owners to contest their assessments. The BOE, at their discretion, may lower, raise or leave unchanged the new assessment in order to equalize it with similar properties. The appeal to the Board of Equalization may be made within the established timeframe regardless of whether the taxpayer has first met with the assessor.

WHAT OTHER RECOURSE DO I HAVE ?

For a period of 3 years after the effective date of the reassessment, a property owner may appeal to the Culpeper County Circuit Court for an equalization of property values. The appeal to the Circuit Court may be made regardless of whether the taxpayer has first met with the assessor and/or the Board of Equalization.

WHAT WILL MY REAL ESTATE TAX BE?

The Board of Supervisors sets the tax rate using the projected assessment totals along with the annual budgetary needs of the County. The proposed tax rate is advertised along with the date of the public hearing. The public hearing allows citizens the opportunity to express any thoughts and concerns they might have regarding the tax rate prior to the rate being finalized by the Board. Once the 2007 real estate assessments are completed, the Land Book will be certified by the Commissioner of the Revenue and put to record in the Clerk's office. The Treasurer of Culpeper County mails out the tax bills by the first week in November. Taxes are due December 5th. The Land Book is likewise provided to the Treasurer of the Town of Culpeper for their use in budgetary decisions and tax billings.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS OFFICE?

The Commissioner of the Revenue's Division of Real Estate Assessments is located at 118 W. Davis Street, Suite 100. That is the front entrance on the first floor of the old Town Hall building. The phone number is (540) 727-3411. The fax number is (540) 727-3468. The office is open weekdays from the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. As always, you are welcome to stop by, call or email the Commissioner of the Revenue tyowell@culpepercounty.gov

Congressman Eric Cantor

Culpeper Family Selected as Angels in Adoption

I am pleased to announce on September 20, 2006, Patrick and Jennifer Heelen of Culpeper were honored at the Angels in Adoption reception and gala at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The Angels in Adoption program is sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption and honors individuals from across the country who are making a difference in the lives of children through adoption or foster care advocacy. Members of Congress have honored and awarded over 950 Angels from all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands since the start of the program in 1999.



The Heelen Family

The Heelens were chosen as Angels in Adoption from the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia for their adoption of two children from Russia, Patrick and Margaret. As part of the adoption process, Patrick and Jennifer traveled to Russia to meet the children and spent weeks with them there. Now, the children are adjusting well to life in the United States, learning to speak English while studying about American history and culture. Both Patrick and Margaret participate in scouting and other activities. They have a bright future in front of them.

Patrick and Jennifer Heelen are making a tremendous difference in the lives of these children, and I congratulate them as our 2006 Angels in Adoption.

Congressional Veterans Commendation

The Congressional Veterans Commendation is an annual award created to honor the distinguished veterans of Virginia's Seventh Congressional District. Since 2002, twenty-five Congressional Veterans Commendations have been awarded to military veterans from the Seventh District of Virginia for their honorable service. The six recipients of this year's commendation are residents of the City of Richmond and Henrico, Goochland, Orange, and Page Counties. The recipient honored from Orange County, Doral A. Hupp, was nominated by his daughter, Diana Gioffre, who works for the Culpeper Department of Human Services, at Families First.

Seventh District citizens can nominate a veteran for the Congressional Veterans Commendation by requesting a nomination form from my office. Veterans who are nominated must be residents of the Seventh District of Virginia and have served our nation with honor, consistent with the finest traditions of military service. Those veterans who are selected to receive the commendation are recognized at a ceremony held on or around the Veteran's Day holiday.

For additional information on the Congressional Veterans Commendation, please contact me at (800) 438-3793 or visit <http://cantor.house.gov/features/cvc.htm>.

Superintendent's Roundtable

Eight superintendents representing counties from across the Seventh District of Virginia, including Culpeper County Schools Superintendent Dr. David A. Cox, gathered on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, to discuss issues related to education, such as legislation related to the No Child Left Behind Act and school safety. I joined the superintendents, as well as the Honorable Raymond Simon, United States Deputy Secretary of Education, in this roundtable discussion. This was an opportunity to participate and openly discuss the challenges facing our local schools, as well as their successes.

As your Congressman for the Seventh District of Virginia, I welcome your thoughts and comments. My staff and I are here to assist you in any way that we can. Please contact me or my Culpeper District Representative, Barbara Taylor, with your thoughts and concerns. She may be reached at (540) 825-8960.

I also encourage you to log online and visit my Web site at <http://cantor.house.gov/>. I look forward to hearing from you.



Culpeper County Board of Supervisors

To contact your Supervisor, you may email: supervisors@culpepercounty.gov or call the County Administration Office at 727-3427, or call directly as follows:

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Steven L. Walker
825-7716
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The Board meets
the 1st Tuesday
of each month
10 a.m.
General County Business

7 p.m.
Public Forum
Planning Business
Public Hearings

Agendas are available prior to Board Meetings on the County Website at www.culpepercounty.gov and in the Culpeper County Library



Culpeper County Library

The Culpeper County Library offers several Storytimes.

- Walk-in Storytimes at the Library are family events that are free and open to the public. On Tuesday evenings be sure to join us at 7:00 p.m. for stories, rhymes, songs and a craft. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal.
- Our popular Walk-In Storytime is held every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. There are stories, songs, activities and a craft with a different theme each week.
- Tuesday morning Storytimes are by registration only. You must register in person. The classes are limited in size and designed for specific age groups. Sign up for the first Storytime session in 2007, January 9, beginning at 10:00 a.m. when the library opens. There are three classes for toddlers (2-3 year olds) 10:30, 11:00, or 11:30 and two for pre-schoolers (3-5, go by themselves) 10:30 or 11:30. The session begins January 16 and runs through February 20. Sign-up for the second session of the year is February 27. That session will run from March 6 - April 10.



Bad weather? Please call the Library at 825-8691 to check if we are having Storytime.



Celebrate the culture and history of African Americans during Black History Month at the Culpeper County Library.
Look for more information on our website and in our newsletter.



Library's Gone to the Dogs!

The Welcome Waggers will be joining the library once again for the popular *Library's Gone to the Dogs* program where children read to therapy dogs. This program gives school-aged children the opportunity to practice their reading skills and make new friends; not to mention that spending time with a therapy dog can be a very good experience.



Upcoming dates for this program are Saturday, January 13 and February 10 at 10:30 am. This event is free, and there is no registration required. For more information call 825-8691.

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Don't forget Dial-a-Story at 825-0555. It's free.
The stories change each week, so be sure to call often.

A Family Storytelling Event with Professional Storyteller Denise Bennett...

Join us on Saturday, March 24 at 2:30 p.m. for "**Damsels NOT Distressed**," a program of stories about feisty females from folklore and fairy tales. These heroines still like Prince Charming, but they might arm wrestle him first before going off to live happily ever after. FREE tickets available starting March 1.



And continuing



An Evening of Storytelling & Celtic Harp with Professional Storyteller Denise Bennett

Join us on Saturday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. for a performance of "**The Heart's True Scale**," Denise Bennett's original fairy tale for adult audiences about the transformative power of love. Recommended for ages 16 and up. FREE tickets available starting March 1.

More about Denise from her web site at <http://www.storiesbydenise.com>:

Denise Bennett was born in Utrecht, Holland to a dashing young fighter pilot and the 4-H Queen of Carol County Indiana. Like most Air Force brats she grew up in a lot of different places, but made a prophetic utterance at the age of eight that someday she would live in Virginia again. After earning a BFA and doing graduate work in drama –speech in New York, she moved back to Virginia with her true love, Jim Bennett to start a rock band with his brother. The band didn't last, but her love of music (and Jim) did. She discovered the joy of telling stories to her sons, Josh and James, and later to other folks. She received her M. Div degree in 1999 from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education where she received awards for preaching and academic excellence. Following seminary, she served as a chaplain in a retirement community in Richmond, VA for four years.

Denise now performs at schools, libraries, churches, retirement communities and festivals, including L.A.U.G.H.S, and the Jubilee 2000 Festival at the University of Richmond. She has told stories to special education preschool classes, to sophisticated crowds in art galleries and to 600 preachers at a homiletics festival. Her stories, whether personal vignettes, folktales or Bible stories, are told with humor and a dramatic flair and are often interlaced with music, most of it original. She sometimes accompanies herself on guitar, rhythm instruments and most recently, Celtic harp. Denise also leads workshops and retreats. She is a published writer of both non-fiction and poetry. She is a member of the Tell Tale Hearts Storytellers Theater in Richmond, Virginia and of the Virginia Storytelling Alliance.

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Are you researching a family history? Tracking down your lineage? Maybe you're just curious about those commercials you've heard on the radio. The Library now subscribes to **Ancestry.com**, a powerful tool for genealogy research. You may use **Ancestry.com** from any of our catalog computers while you are inside the library. Remote access from home is not available, since **Ancestry.com** allows individuals to subscribe, if they wish.

Ancestry.com offers records from the 1790-1930 census, including the records for individual cities, slave records taken during the census, and the tax census list.

Twenty-seven countries have submitted **Birth, Marriage & Death** records to **Ancestry.com**. The Social Security Death Index lists birth and death dates along with last known residential location for millions of deceased individuals whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration.

If you are researching immigrants, you will want to check out the passenger lists for New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans and California ports along with other **Immigration Records**. These records are continually updated. Naturalization papers for some immigrants are also recorded.

Military data is a gold mine on ancestry. The WWI Draft Registration is complete and included. This data includes most males who were of the age 18-70 in the years 1917-18. Other war records are from the American Revolution, Civil War, World War II and the prisoners of war, War of 1812, soldier lists, pensions and more.

Court, Land and Probate records are also listed. Land deeds can help document the migration of your ancestors. Tax indexes of many counties are included.

Ancestry.com has a wide range of **Newspapers & Periodicals** from many states, counties and cities. There are also a variety of **Photos & Maps** that include historical postcards, 250,000 photographs from the Library of Congress, a U.S. map collection spanning 1513-1990, and more.

One of the most fascinating parts of **Ancestry.com** is the collection of **Family Trees** submitted by researchers from all over the world, not just the United States. Over the years, researchers have submitted their families' pedigrees and information by the thousands. Some of them have included their sources, notes and photos.

The **Charts and Forms** section of **Ancestry.com** allows you to print out blank pages that you can use to keep track of the information you find, including "family tree" sheets.



HeritageQuest Online: *The Library has available a "unique, growing collection of research materials for tracing family history and American culture." Amateur or professional genealogists may now use this "powerful online library, with original page images for all documents," either at home or at the Library. Simply go to our homepage and link up!*

The Library would like to remind you that we have Wi-Fi or wireless Internet service for anyone with a wireless connection to their laptop or PDA. The library has had a T-1 since we opened in 1998.



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The Culpeper County Library now subscribes to **ReferenceUSA**, an online directory that can help you find residential, business and physician listings, including reverse lookup capability. You can access **ReferenceUSA** at any catalog computer inside the library or by visiting the library's web site at <http://www.cclva.org>, clicking the **ReferenceUSA** link, and typing in your 14-digit library code. At their headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, **ReferenceUSA** employs 600 full-time

people who compile, verify and maintain all of the information in this database for the most reliable accuracy and currency.

350 of these employees manually type data from the following sources:

- More than 5,200 Yellow Page, Business White Page, and White Page telephone directories
- Annual Reports, 10-Ks and other SEC information
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) directories
- Federal, state and municipal government data
- Chamber of Commerce information
- Leading business magazines, trade publications, newsletters, major newspapers, industry and specialty directories
- Postal service information, including National Change of Address updates

After these businesses have been compiled, 250 employees make telephone interviews to verify the information on each business and health care provider listed in the databases.

- 20 million phone calls are made each year
- Businesses with 100+employees are phone-verified at least twice a year
- On an average month, they make over one million changes to the US Business database
- Over a year's time, 80% of the database changes

US Business

This database of over 14 million businesses allows you to search with 27 unique data elements to help you find exactly what you are looking for fast. A detailed business listing contains everything on a business – from a list of executives, number of employees and estimated sales. You can also create reports based on the businesses you are researching.

US Residential

This database includes 120 million households and 65 million homeowners. Information is gathered from over 5,200 phone directories across the U.S. Each listing appears exactly as it appears in the phone book. Two unique demographics – median household income and median home value – allow you to search and display those data elements for each listing.

Health Care - Physicians, Surgeons and Dentists

The healthcare database of over 834,000 physicians, surgeons and dentists has the most complete and accurate information in the industry. Unique data elements like age, gender, primary specialty, state of license, medical school attended and year graduated can help you select a physician or dentist that best suits your preferences. Average number of patients and prescriptions per week are also listed.

Canadian Business

This includes 1.4 million Canadian businesses compiled from various sources including 400 telephone directories, white pages and corporate annual reports. Similar to the U.S. database, all Canadian businesses are telephone-verified annually.

Canadian Residential

12 million Canadian households are listed in this database. Each listing appears exactly as it appears in the phone book.

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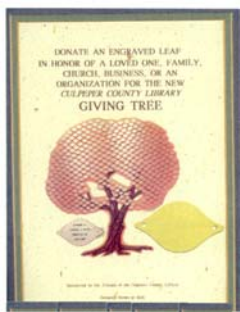
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Friends



Need a great gift idea for that person who has everything!

Support the library by sponsoring a leaf on the Giving Tree located in the Meeting Room. Your tax-deductible gift is a great way to honor a special friend or family member. Each leaf has space for a four-line inscription of your choice. Applications are available at the Circulation Desk. New leaves will be dedicated at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE HOURS:

- Monday: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location:

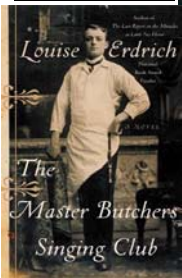
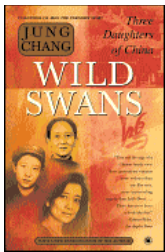
In the Culpeper County Library, at the back, next to the computer room.

The Friends of the Library Book Store is a great place to find good reading for yourself and your family for those cold, windy, snowy days at home. We have a wide selection of books, from the latest fiction to the old classics, and from biographies to the sciences, with a little of all in between. Our prices range from free for a small number of items, to a few dollars for the really new books and collectors' editions.

Visit the bookshelf near the entrance to the Library, even when the Book Store is closed. There are specially priced newer books, hardback non-fiction, hardback fiction, paperbacks, and a selection of children's and juvenile books. These may be purchased through the Circulation Desk anytime the Library is open. Also available at the Circulation Desk are our large, super sturdy book bags for only \$6.00 apiece. Fill one up with your great Book Store finds!

The volunteers of the Friends of the Library Book Store thank you for your support.

January is the time to renew your Friends membership or join the Friends for the very first time. For a small donation (\$3.00 for a membership) you can make your contribution to the many exciting adult and children's programs sponsored by the Friends. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you can help, check the appropriate box on the application. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up your form.



THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Join us at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Third Thursdays to discuss:

- January 18 - *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang
- February 15 - *Master Butchers Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich
- March 15 - *A Thread of Grace* by Mary Doria Russell

These books are available at the Library Circulation Desk or for purchase, at a discount, at The Corner Shelf bookstore. Enjoy these books and then join us for a discussion--we welcome new members!

Voracious Readers!

The Friends of the Culpeper County Library are sponsoring the annual adult reading program this year from February 5 through April 2. This year's theme is "Goodies for Grownups: Voracious Readers!" For every book read, participants will receive a chance to enter a drawing for gift certificates to local restaurants. Be sure to visit the Library during this time, so you can satisfy your appetite for good books while you earn chances to win good food.



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WINTER EDITION

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Weather Related School Closings

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CHANNEL 5 FOX

WJLA/ CHANNEL 7 ABC

NEW CHANNEL 8

WUSA/ CHANNEL 9 CBS

WTOPNEWS.COM

Winners this Winter

After School activities will make each child feel like a winner as they take part in sports, art, crafts, chess, cooking, theme projects, Speed Stack cup races and gym games.

Sports Teams will be encouraging each student to join the fun of After School sports games. A variety of sports will be played throughout the seasons. Participation is the focus of all sports, as well as good sportsmanship, team spirit and especially fun!

Art & Craft projects will be presented at each location to encourage self expression, not following the mold. We encourage crea-

tivity and originality.

Chess Club was introduced to the After School program by Mr. Paul Harris several years ago, and many schools still participate in this challenging game.

The Culpeper Extension Service will help by providing new recipes to try each season, delighting each child's taste-buds.

Theme Class of National Parks in the United States will be enjoyed once a week, enlightening the students with some trivia about the National Parks. Each month a new state will be intro-

duced. Your children may now have a say in their choice of vacation spots this summer.



Whichever activity you choose, you are sure to become a winner.

Planned School Closings

Kid Central will be open 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the following dates at Sycamore Park Elementary School: {Parents MUST PRE-PAY & PRE-REGISTER to reserve their child's slot.}

*December 22 & 27-29 *January 15 & 22-23

*February 19 *March 30 *April 6-10

*June 11....Kid Central Summer Day Camp

Enrolling your child in After School or for the Teacher Work Days / Holidays is as easy as picking up the telephone. **CALL (540) 829-2124** to request your registration form. Once all paperwork is complete and fees are paid, your child can join the fun whenever you need childcare.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

CULPEPER CAREER RESOURCE CENTER RELOCATES AND IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Picture these people: a soon-to-be high school graduate who wants to explore viable career options and opportunities, a recent widow who has to return to the workplace to support her young children, an older worker whose plant closed who wants to set up his own business, an excellent worker who sought another line of work with an employer who would treat employees with respect, a disabled retired member of the U.S. armed forces who seeks a second career opportunity, and an employer who wants to attract new employees for her expanding business by having a job fair. These, and many more, have been clients of the Culpeper Career Resource Center.

The Culpeper Career Resource Center recently relocated to 210 East Stevens Street, Suite 300, in Culpeper, just off East Street near the National Cemetery entrance. The Center does not charge for its services for workers seeking employment and for employers seeking workers because it is publicly funded, as part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, to serve everyone in the community from Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock counties. The Career Center is open for business between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.,

Mondays through Fridays. The Center can be reached by telephone, at (540) 727-1055, or by e-mail, info@ccrc-jobs.com. Additional information is available on the Center's website, at www.ccrc-jobs.com.

Services provided by the Career Center for workers include:

- Using computers and the Internet for software training, preparation of career and job search documents, and employment-related information and job leads.
- Using copy and fax machines.
- Postings of job opportunities by local employers and regional newspapers.
- Some funding for career retraining.
- Taking Germanna Community College placement tests.
- Seeing a career consultant, by appointment, about career transition or job search.
- Using career assessment instruments, such as Career Scope®, for exploring options.

Employers and community groups are invited to use the Center's conference room, by reservation only, for audiences of up to 20 people, for purposes such as classes, seminars, or meetings. This room is available, normally from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, but after hours use may be scheduled by advance registration.

Services provided by the Career Center for employers include:

- Display of employers' job openings faxed to the Center at (540) 829-4956.
- Customized career-related classes for staff training, in partnership with Germanna Community College, can be arranged.
- Job fairs, interviews, and other career-related events may be held at the Center.
- The Center's career consultant also may be available, by appointment, to assist employers with some workforce issues.

Please contact the Career Center at (540) 727-1055 for further help or information.

Career Partners, Inc.

Career Partners Inc.(CPI) is excited to introduce our new Program Director, Mrs. Sharon Pate. Mrs. Pate is a dynamic individual as well as a devoted mom and business woman. Culpeper County Public School's students are blessed to have yet another exceptional role model. Our best regards to Mr. Michael Stay, former Program Director. Mr. Stay's years of dedication to the program are greatly appreciated by the students, business leaders and school officials.

CPI is also thrilled to expand their programs to all Culpeper County High School Career and Technical students. CTE programs include Agriculture, Business, Marketing, Family and Consumer Sciences, Technology and Trade and Industry. Plans are in the works for a Career Expo in the spring at CCHS, as well as a "Student in the Workplace" program for this summer. Be on the lookout for more details.

To usher in the fifth year at CCHS, the Career Academy has undergone a name change. Students in this program are now members of the Leadership and Career Academy. The LCA year started with the induction of fifty new members into the program. The newest LCA'ers have recently completed career exploration research projects. It is expected that these young people will soon take their new-found expertise on the

road to share with elementary students. LCA sophomores will also travel to the United States Holocaust Museum to complete their study of Elie Wiesel's novel, *Night*. LCA juniors can currently be found delivering informative speeches in their new Introduction to Leadership course. They are getting ready to begin using the CCPS on-line discussion forum, Moodle, to enhance their study of the book *FISH!*.

The senior year in LCA is busy from day one as students immediately begin work on their year-long senior projects. Seniors have submitted proposals for review and have moved to the research phase of the process. Seniors have recently traveled to Medieval Times as part of the study of the Middle Ages. We are thrilled to thank the Culpeper Bar Association, as well as private donors, for sending our seniors to the U.S. Supreme Court to hear oral arguments and to meet Justice Clarence Thomas. Thank you also to the Butler family for helping to make this one-of-a-kind experience possible.

For more information regarding Career Partners, Inc. please contact Sharon Pate at 727-7792 or snpate@cpi-va.com. For more information regarding Career and Technical Education please contact Randi Richards-Lutz at 825-3677, 3505 or richards@culpeperschools.org.

REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION
PLANNING DISTRICT #9
CULPEPER, MADISON, ORANGE & RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTIES

Many adults who did not complete a high school program of instruction have continued to learn through a variety of experiences encountered in everyday life. The purpose of the GED Testing Program is to provide an opportunity for these individuals to have the learning acquired from such educational experiences evaluated and recognized. The GED Tests make it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential, thus providing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of adults to:

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- Mathematics

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George Washington Carver
Piedmont Technical Education Center
GED Testing Schedule
Denise S. Vogt, Chief Examiner

GED Schedule for 2007

January 19 & 20

February 16 & 17

March 16 & 17

April 20 & 21

May 18 & 19

June 22 & 23

The George Washington Carver– Piedmont Technical Education Center
is open to take your GED application
Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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Register for Adult Classes in your area for GED Preparation or ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages).
Work on your reading, writing and math skills for GED and speaking skills for ESOL. Call for information.

- Carver Center GED – 9:00 AM – 11:30 A.M./Tues. & Thurs.
- Carver-Piedmont School, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA
- Culpeper GED – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
- Culpeper Literacy Council, 415 S. Main Street, Suite 204, Culpeper, VA
- Culpeper/Rappahannock ESOL – English As A Second Language
- 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
- Culpeper Career Resource Center, 219 E. Davis Street, Culpeper, VA
- & Culpeper Depot, 113 S. Commerce St., Culpeper, VA
- Morning ESOL – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM/Mon.
- Virginia Community Bank, 701 South Main St., Culpeper, VA
- EL/Civics—6:00 PM—8:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
- Culpeper County High School, 14240 Achievement Dr., Culpeper, VA
- Regional TFL – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.
- Carver-Piedmont School, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA
- Literacy Council of Madison GED – 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon/Tues. & Thurs.
- Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA
- Madison GED – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
- Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA
- Gordonsville GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Mon. & Wed.
- Gordon-Barbour Elementary Library, 500 W. Baker St., Gordonsville, VA
- Orange GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
- Orange County High School, Room #136, 201 Selma Rd., Orange, VA
- Rappahannock GED – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.
- Rappahannock High School, Washington, VA

REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION

George Washington Carver Piedmont Technical Education Center
9432 James Madison Hwy, Rapidan, VA 22733
Telephone (540) 825-0476

CLASS	DAY/SITE	BEG.-END	SESSIONS	TIME	FEE
Beginning Astronomy	TBA/C	TBA	1	8:00 P.M.	FREE
Computers for Seniors	T/C	3/6-4/3	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
Computers for Seniors	T/C	4/17-5/15	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
Conversational Spanish	W/C	3/7-5/2	8	6:00-8:00 PM	\$125.00
Internet I	T/C	3/6-4/3	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet I	M/C	4/16-5/14	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet II	M/C	4/16-5/14	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	M/C	3/5-4/2	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	W/C	4/18-5/16	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	TH/C	3/8-4/5	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	TH/C	4/19-5/17	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel II	TH/C	4/19-5/17	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	W/C	3/7-4/4	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	T/C	4/17-5/15	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word II	T/C	4/17-5/15	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00

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Detach and return with payment to:

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Orange County School Board

Office of Continuing Education
George Washington Carver-Piedmont Technical Education Center
9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA 22733.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Name City/State Zip Code

Daytime Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____

Please enroll me in the following classes:

Class Name	Day (Circle One)	Time	Cost
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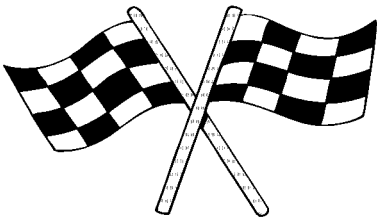
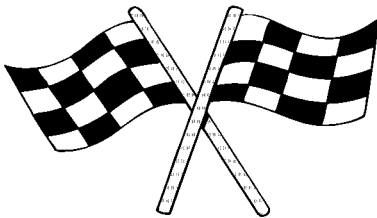
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January 2007**

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